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Classified By: Acting DCM Jessica Webster, Reasons 1.4 (A), (B), (D)

[1](#)1. (C) Poloff discussed reftel B talking points June 9 with MFA's Director for Asia, Africa and Oceania Affairs, Milton Magana, who indicated that he would discuss the matter with representatives of the Ministry of Defense.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: As outlined in reftel A, at a May 24 meeting with U.S. officials at Embassy Baghdad, Salvadoran Minister of Defense Romero was receptive to the idea of El Salvador's Cuscatlan Battalion supporting a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Al-Kut, but indicated that further consultations would be required before any commitment could be made. Embassy will continue to raise the issue through MFA, MOD, and others in GOES.  
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